

The News.

Sherman has captured Goldsboro, and it was rumored in New York yesterday that he had whipped the old foe, Joe Johnston, at or near Raleigh. Gold fell in consequence. On the other hand the rebels claim that Johnston has checked Sherman and captured three guns. The reader will recollect that this same Johnston checked Sherman every day on the march from Chattanooga to Atlanta, but his checking did not stop him.

Another dispatch says that Sherman sent back from Goldsboro to Beaufort for reinforcements, and that immense numbers of troops were sent him by rail. Another rumor is to the effect that Sherman has already reached Raleigh and demands the surrender of the town. This needs confirmation.

The rebel Congressmen's address to the people of the South winds up with a quotation from the Scripture, that "the battle is not always to the strong," which is about the only passage of Holy Writ the Confederacy has to fall back on, unless it is the assertion that all the nations which forget God shall be turned into hell. We suspect Richmond is not far from the last mentioned place, and that the devil has a pre-emption on the whole territory. If the battle is not to the strong in this fight, the rebels ought to certainly win, as they are weak enough by their own showing; and that their "martyred heroes beckon them on," is quite likely, especially if they get before Sherman's gallant soldiers.

A gentleman from Richmond reports the damages done by Sheridan amount to \$50,000,000. He estimates the strength of the army in Richmond at 60,000. He does not believe Johnston has over 45,000. Deep gloom prevails at Richmond, and everybody seems to think the day of reckoning has come. The conscription of negroes goes in with difficulty. Guards are stationed at every camp, and yet the negroes escape.

A Richmond paper asserts that Kirby Smith has 25,000 negro troops organized and well armed—an improbable story.

A Georgia paper insists that Jeff Davis and his cabinet officers shall be overhauled. Well, our boys are overhauling them as fast as possible.

Gold closed 147.

Sherman's March through Dixie.

The following extract is taken from a young Milwaukeean's letter to his mother, dated Fayetteville, N. C., March 12, 1865. The writer is a cypher telegraphic operator:

DEAR MOTHER.—As I have a chance to send a letter by the tug which leaves here this evening, I will improve the privilege. We have had a famous old campaign, or are having it, for it is not quite finished yet. We have about used up South Carolina, destroyed her railroads, captured her Capital, Charleston, and most of her important towns. Cut off Augusta from the northeastern portion of the Confederacy. By looking at the map you will see how we have divided the country by destroying the railroads. Fifty miles of the South Carolina railroad westward from the North Edisto river was destroyed; from Orangeburg to the Santee; from Columbia to Chesterville, on the Charlotte railroad; twelve or fifteen miles of the Columbia and Greenville railroad, and about the same of the Columbia and Charleston road, east from Columbia. We have destroyed a vast number of stores, and captured a large amount of guns; at Charleston must be 400. Columbia 42, Cheraw 24, and at this place about 10, making a total of 476 pieces of artillery. At Columbia 10,000 stand of small arms; 9,000 rounds of fixed ammunition, and 13 tons of powder, not mentioning small ammunition, sabres, &c., was destroyed. At Cheraw over 14 tons of powder; a large number of small arms, and some ammunition. I mention these as I may have left them out of my diary. I send the diary for your own perusal, don't make it too public, and take good care of it. We probably will be off again by Tuesday morning, but I will write every chance I have. I have the top shelf, and plenty cheap at that; most bill for \$11.55. What the rebels intend to do with us before we finish our hunt, is hard to tell. We have not had a brigade in line of battle since leaving Pocahontas; have had nothing but skirmish fighting. A great number of refugees and negroes have followed us from South Carolina. Most of the refugees are from Columbia.

FROM THE 43D REGIMENT.—A private letter from an officer in the 43d regiment, informs us that that regiment is now at Decherd, Tennessee, under command of Major John Paine, late Associate Judge of our Supreme Court. Col. Paine is also commander of that post and is very popular with the people there, as well as with the soldiers.

In South Maryland there are plenty of hands, and the soil will be fully cultivated this season. In place of the slaves who ran away, there are a large number of deserters from the rebel army, who are willing to work, and many of the farmers have thus plenty of help.

It is said that Mr. Sumner blocked the promotion of a certain Colonel who wanted to be Brigadier General, because the officer was an habitual drunkard. Mr. Sumner was right.

The Judicial Convention for the Ninth Circuit did meet at Madison on the 22d. The Journal says the attendance was very meagre. No nomination was made.

Mr. Gen. Sherman arrived in Chicago on Tuesday evening, and took rooms at the Sherman house. He will probably remain through the Northwestern Fair, which is soon to open in that city.

The Judicial Question.

Editors Gazette.—We noticed in your paper of Wednesday last, a short article from the Milwaukee *Sentinel* in relation to the Judicial Convention held at Elkhorn on the 17th instant.

It is true the largest representation was from Rock county, and that only one delegate from Racine came to attend the convention. We presume however, had Col. Lyon been talked of much as a candidate before the assembling of the Convention, there would have been a full delegation from Racine county. For certainly he is not most unpopular where he is best known. The *Sentinel's* article admits that Col. Lyon is a strong candidate. This we understand to be an admission that he possesses all the requisite qualifications to adorn the high and responsible office for which he was put in nomination. For in this alone is real and abiding strength.

Still the writer of the *Sentinel's* article thinks because Col. Lyon is commanding his regiment in the field like a true patriot and soldier, and will not enter personally into the canvass, a large majority will be given against him by the voters who stay at home enjoying the fruits of the Col's labors and sacrifices. We think this is a lame and impotent conclusion. And we hope the *Sentinel* is not intending to reward in the future with words of discouragement, our brave and good men who have put in peril all they have, and are for the advancing glory and greatness of our common country.

The people of Rock county never would be guilty of so unjust and ungenerous conduct towards our Country's defenders. Nor will they sanction such conduct in others. The people of "Old Rock" are quite as apt to reward the modest and unassuming, possessing real merit and virtue, and who could therefore never seek office, as those pertinaciously and offensively press and urge their claims both in season and out of season. We think the *Sentinel* knows very little of the real sentiments of the people of the First Judicial District. And we venture the opinion that the article taken from its columns was written or dictated by some one deeply interested in the defeat of Col. Lyon.

But we assure the editor of that paper, that the people of Rock county are not insensible to the great claims that Col. Lyon has upon them as a good lawyer and an upright man, as well as a heroic soldier; and they will manifest their appreciation of his many virtues by a heavy vote in his favor.

Since writing the above, we have conversed with Judge Adams, of Racine, the partner of Col. Lyon, who tells us that it is his opinion that Col. Lyon will carry Racine county by a handsome majority. [We suppose the editor of the *Sentinel* arrived at the same conclusion that any other person would with the same facts in his possession. When four-fifths of the lawyers and jurors in a circuit unite in a call, and nine-tenths of the papers in a district acquiesce in the support of a man, an outsider would naturally conclude that such a candidate was somewhat prominent—especially when the convention called to nominate a candidate in opposition, did not represent one-half of the district. The *Sentinel* said nothing derogatory to the character or ability of Col. Lyon, (as no man can and tell the truth,) but on the contrary it spoke very highly of him.—Ed. GAZETTE.]

The report that the Government had recently lost \$2,000,000 worth of stores by the flood at Eastport, Mississippi, is officially contradicted. The loss was but trifling.

S. P. Brown, of the 12th Wisconsin, was slightly wounded in the battle near Kingston, N. C.

They are having divine service in French, in Oconto.

COMMERCIAL.

FOR THE JANESVILLE GAZETTE, BY HUNT & GRAY, PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS.

JANESVILLE, March 24, 1865.

We make up prices as follows:
WHEAT—Good to choice milling spring \$1.00 @ 1.12;
shelling grade 80 @ 85.
FLOUR—Spring at \$2.75 @ 3.00 per 100 lbs.
RYE—Dull at \$2.45 @ 2.60.
BARLEY—Common to good quality, 70 @ 80 per 100 lbs.
CORN—Ear 65 @ 70; 72 @ 74; shelled 60 @ 65.
OATS—Dull at 40 @ 45.
BEANS—Common to prime white, 1.00 @ 1.10.
POTATOES—Choice Peck Blows 65 @ 70; common to do 40 @ 45.
TIMOTHY SEED—No 60 @ 65; No 65 @ 70; clover 11.00 @ 11.50.
FLAX SEED—No 60 @ 65; No 65 @ 70.
BUTTER—Good roll scarce at 20 @ 25.
EGGS—Plenty at 14 @ 15 per doz.
HIDES—Green 5 @ 6; dry 11 @ 12.
SHEEP SKINS—Range from 75 @ 80 each.
WOOL—Dressed 10 @ 11; 1/2 of unwashed.
RANGE HOGS—Range from 20 @ 25 per 100 lbs.
LIVE STOCK—Cattle \$3.00 @ 3.50; 100 lbs; hogs 5 @ 5.50 @ 10.00.

NEW YORK MARKET.

[By Telegraph.] New York, March 24.

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